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Introduction

Air is essential to the lives of all Missourians. Air surrounds our lives everywhere we go, at the grocery store, at work, even in bed sleeping. Because the quality of the air is so important to good health, the Department of Natural Resources' Air Pollution Control Program works diligently to keep the air clean and safe.

Protecting Missouri's air quality requires a cooperative effort by everyone. The Air Pollution Control Program works with Missouri residents, businesses and industry, and federal, state and local governments in order to protect and improve the air everyone breathes. Having everyone work together is important in helping maintain clean air.

Because protecting Missouri's air quality is a cooperative effort, the Air Pollution Control Program wants to keep everyone involved and informed. It is important that Missouri residents know how air pollution is created and how it affects their lives. The Air Pollution Control Program wants residents to understand what is being done in their state as well as what they can do in their lives to control air pollution.

This report is one method the Air Pollution Control Program uses to distribute information to Missouri residents. This report contains information about the health impact of air pollutants, describes the major types of air pollutants, the actions taken to control air quality and the major milestones in Missouri air quality in the past year.

More information on the bold faced terms throughout the report can also be found in the Glossary at the end of the report. After reading this report, if you have questions, please call the Air Pollution Control Program at 1-800-361-4827.

Missouri's air quality has improved over the past decade, and with everyone's cooperation, the Air Pollution Control Program will continue to improve the air you breathe.

Visit our Website at

www.dnr.state.mo.us/air.htm
for more information on:

- **Vehicle emissions testing;**
- **Regulations for businesses and industry;**
- **Publications;**
- **Open burning regulations;**
- **Current air quality in St. Louis and Kansas City;**
- **Operating Permits on Public Notice.**

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